

EPA Fines Mill For Slow Report Of Gas Release

The **Brush Wellman Inc.** mill operation near Delta has been fined \$132,500 for failing to immediately report the release of two toxic chemicals into the air.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has fined the company for failing to report the release of 5,000 pounds of anhydrous ammonia gas in March 1990 and 22,500 pounds of sulfuric acid in May 1991.

Anhydrous ammonia is a highly toxic gas that irritates the eyes and respiratory tract while inhalation of sulfuric acid vapor can cause lung damage. The two chemicals are used by the company to extract beryllium materials from ore.

Marc Kolanz, Director of Brush Wellman's Environmental Control Operation, based in Cleveland, Ohio, said officials were contacted when the release of chemicals was discovered.

"We reported," Mr. Kolanz in a telephone interview. "But in their opinion, we didn't report soon enough."

Brush Wellman has scheduled a meeting with the EPA in November where the company will appeal the fine, Mr. Kolanz said.

Under federal and state regulations, notification should have taken place after at least 100 pounds of ammonia were released into the atmosphere and 1,000 pounds of sulfuric acid had leaked into the soil, the EPA states in a written release.

The EPA also claims the company failed to submit a written follow-up notice that provides updated spill information, describes response action taken and explains associated health risks.

BYU to Play Integral Part in Defense

By Dawn House
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Brigham Young University law professors and officials have essentially taken over the defense of the state's strict anti-abortion law.

U.S. District Judge J. Thomas Greene on Friday approved Mary Anne Wood, a private attorney and BYU professor, to replace lawyers from the fired law firm of Jones Waldo Holbrook & McDonough.

Jones Waldo was forced to resign last month after allegations that the firm had a conflict by representing a plaintiff challenging the state's abortion law.

A partner in Wood & Wood, Ms. Wood is one of several professors and officials at BYU who are assisting in the defense of Utah's law, which bans most elective abortions.

Ms. Wood, who is co-author of *A Lawyer Looks at Abortion*, has worked with Richard Wilkins, a BYU law professor who also has been hired by the state as a consultant in the abortion case.

Still another BYU professor is Bud Scruggs, who was a key player in the enactment and defense of the abortion statute while he was chief of staff to Gov. Norm Bangert.

Mr. Scruggs, a BYU graduate

who returned to the Church-owned school this to teach, is credited with Mr. Wilkins into the abortion case.

In addition, BYU President Lee was consulted before attorneys asked that the U be put on hold pending come of a similar court Louisiana.

Both Utah Attorney Paul Van Dam and Mr. B asked Mr. Lee's advice b recting attorneys to file m stay the Utah case.

Mr. Greene denied that saying it is in the public's interest for the Utah case t ward.

Program Helps Those Who Are Widowed

By Douglas L. Parker
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It's a group that has no restrictions on age, sex or religion among its potential 13 million members around the country. But it is a "club" that no one wants to join, an organizer said Monday.

"I'd go so far to say that most don't even think about joining it," said Marie Sullivan, a training director from Denver, Colo., for the Widowed Persons Service providing bereavement counseling to surviving spouses.

The widowed — male or female — sometime lose track of their married friends in the wake of death, or the survivor feels like a "fifth wheel" among well-intentioned supporters. Families frequently don't understand the loneliness either, Ms. Sullivan said.

"So the best place to look for new acquaintances is among widowed people like one's self, she said. "There is a rare bonding in counseling with others."

The Widowed Person Service is a program of the American Association of Retired Persons. Ms. Sullivan was a participant at a AARP regional leadership meeting in Salt Lake City's Marriott Hotel.

There are about 11 million widows and 2 million widowers in the country, she related. "Surviving spouses often are coping with functions they never performed before," she pointed out. "I know my first filing of income taxes was just a horror. For older

women, who have never been in the work force, it's really frightening to get out."

She suggested, in many instances, it may be half year after the death of a spouse before a widowed person is receptive to one-on-one counseling.

"It takes a couple of months for the doctor to give tranquilizers and the minister to be involved in other matters," added Lloyd Erickson, Great Falls, Mont., and president of the AARP.

"There is no timetable for resolution of grief," said Florien J. Wineriter, Salt Lake City volunteer bereavement coordinator for the Intermountain Care's hospice program dealing with the terminally ill.

In relationships with the widowed, shouldn't avoid talking about the deceased, Wineriter said. "The widowed may cry and you embarrassed. But that's all right. In reality, the widowed wants to talk about the deceased — not the loss. Sometimes nobody ever mentions spouse."

Mr. Wineriter said the widowed are often counselors who assure the survivors they are not alone by experiencing some normal consequences — such as sleeplessness, loss of weight or loss of concentration.

'Good Samaritans' Take Driver's Wallet

Two men who ostensibly stopped to help a man making repairs on the freeway Friday night helped themselves to the man's wallet instead, a police report said.

The victim, a 32-year-old Salt Lake City man, was under his truck in the emergency lane of Interstate 15 near 700 South when a car pulled up and two men walked up. The victim was under his truck

with only his legs protruding.

"Do you need any help?" asked one of the men. Then one of them grabbed the victim's wallet, containing \$95, from his rear pocket, reports said.

When the victim reached back to grab the robber's hand, he was stabbed in the forearm with a knife. The victim said he could not identify the suspects.

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